

## PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

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A meeting was held on **Monday, September 12, 2011**  
at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI.

The meeting was officially called to order by President Neil McKloskey at 11:37 am without a quorum.

Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey  
Commissioner Craig Dickman  
Commissioner John Hanitz  
Commissioner Hank Wallace

Not Present: Commissioner Ron Antonneau  
Commissioner Tom Klimek  
Commissioner John Gower  
Commissioner Bill Martens  
Commissioner Bernie Erickson

Also present : Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port and Solid Waste  
Dean Haen, Brown County Port and Solid Waste  
Mark Walter, Brown County Port and Solid Waste  
Rolf Johnson, Neville Museum Director  
Greg Filsnam, Green Bay Economic Development Director

2. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**Approval of agenda is tabled due to lack of a quorum. No modifications requested.**

3. Approval/Modification of July 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of minutes from last meeting is tabled due to lack of a quorum.**

4. Cell Tower Lease Agreement

Dean Hen reported that the Port received its first payment on the cell tower lease in the amount of \$662.00 for August, 2011. The Port is recognized as the owner by the transmission company. The Commission will ask the Corporation Counsel to proceed on collections from the city of Green Bay of approximately \$30,000 that is still owed on the lease payments dating back to the property purchase in 2007. The letter will come from Neil McKloskey.

5. Bay Port Facility Expansion Update

There was a public meeting with the DNR on September 1, 2011, 1:30 pm to 3:30pm regarding the expansion of the Bay Port facility. The expansion will increase capacity from 2.4M cubic yards to 7.8 M cubic yards. The Cell 7 Demonstration Project proved our ability to stack dredge material higher. Robert E. Lee was retained on behalf of the Harbor Commission. Public meeting was held on the project with only four attendees; DNR, Robert E. Lee, Dean Haen, and Doug Schneider from Green Bay Press-Gazette. No opposition. Approval from DNR should be received by January, 2012.

6. Flint Hills Resources Easement Request for Installing Security Fencing

Upon further review by Corporation Counsel and Brown County, and Flint Hills, a formal easement is not needed to install security fencing on the dock wall area and that the request will be done in the form of a letter.

7. Cat Island Restoration Project Update

a) Dean Haen received a letter in August from the Colonel Derosier from the Army Corps of Engineers stating that want to work cooperatively towards development of this project and that they are working on streamlining their processes to meet a timeline that better matches that of Brown County so that Brown County can utilize the grants it has received for this project.

b) The Corps schedule estimates the first phase will be completed by February 2012. Brown County is more realistically expecting the project to be completed around March 2012. In the second phase, wave barrier, the Harbor Assistance Program grant will be used to purchase stone for construction of the project, beginning in 2013. As a federal project with the Corps this project's construction will begin midway through 2013. This timeline will allow the project to continue to be funded by grants.

The Commission requested a response via letter to Corps in order to confirm the commitment noting the Commission's appreciation for the Corps deadlines and that Brown County will be happy to work within those deadlines as they coincide with the project and funding currently available.

c) Financial analysis

A Financial Analysis is being developed comparing the difference between working with a Federal/non-federal sponsor vs. the County independently pursuing the project. The financial analysis is underway with Schenck and Associates evaluating the financial feasibility and risk management aspects of the County independently pursuing the project. The analysis will be finished and presented in October.

d. NRDA annual report

A grant for \$800,000 has been received, and will be used in conjunction with the other grants the County has received. There has been no word back yet from NRDA as to whether or not will this be acceptable. Reporting requirements will continue to be ongoing.

8. Phase II port exhibit at Neville Museum, guest speaker – Rolf Johnson, Museum Director

Initial Port exhibit is currently installed at the Museum. Rolf Johnson presented some ideas about the content of the Phase II port exhibit and how to make it more interactive. He also discussed Workforce Development and the jobs that are in residence here in the Port. The National Maritime Center is educating kids on a career track, especially STEM based careers: science, technology, engineering, and math as a way to keep port-based careers in the community.

What is the Port of the future going to be like? The Neville Museum would like to be more forward-thinking in this matter and discuss the impact on the community and economy in this region rather than just the history. The Preliminary budget for Phase II is \$25,000. The Museum is looking to the Harbor Commission for assistance in funding the exhibit. The program would like to include video, website, and actually getting kids out on the water, making the Port and Maritime heritage a more vibrant part of the mission. This request would need to be funded by Public Relations budget. The Next Commission meeting Dean Haen will prepare a public relations plan for 2012 for Commission consideration. Dean Haen stated that he is working with Leonard and Finco to begin on the public outreach budget and funding for next year. The Commission can have an answer to the Museum after the next meeting regarding this outreach program.

The exhibit at Artstreet and in the museum have drawn a positive response; however, there is currently no method of response evaluation so the museum is looking into how to generate feedback. The goals of the exhibit are quality, impact, and getting the message to a large number of people. Dean Haen explained that the Commission is working on raising visibility in the local community, including a broader regional, state and national outreach effort. Neil McKloskey emphasized marketing in the Fox Cities and beyond as it should have

a greater focus. Goods are being shipped via highway or rail instead of by ship. The Commission should also be looking at a more environmentally friendly way of shipping goods via waterway.

9. USS Green Bay

Some other ideas that the Museum is exploring for the future include a ship museum, including PL101-Green Bay. Ten years ago the Port researched the idea of a ship museum and has forwarded the files to Rolf Johnson. Mr. Johnson prepared the business plan for the Battleship Wisconsin while in Virginia. He is also researching docking Coast Guard, Navy and other touring vessels at the Museum and the possibility of a water taxi service between some of the tourist sites (National Railroad, Heritage Hill, etc) on the river.

10. Renard Island Closure

- a) Mark Walter reported that the current GLRI grant expires at the end of this month. The contractor has not been able to complete as much work as expected during the summer months due to the fact that the sediments have been too wet to drive on. The contractor is now able to work fairly consistently due to the drier weather. If the work is finished by September 30, this will be the first project in the Great Lakes started and completed under a GLRI grant. Mark Walter has told the contractor that the final deadline to complete the project is September 30. Based on volume, about 80% of the expected volume of materials has been moved from Bay Port to Renard Island so far.
- b) EPA \$6 million Restoration Challenge Grant – This grant is only available to Federal agencies. Lt. Col. Derosier was contacted and he agreed that Renard Island is the perfect application for this grant. The grant is designed to put unemployed workers to work. Renard Island closure activities are best done during the winter when truck drivers are most likely to be unemployed. Commissioner Wallace suggested we contact US Department of Agriculture to see if they might be interested in pursuing the grant on our behalf.
- c) A Closure plan modification for lead was approved by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in August. The original closure plan approval set a limit for lead at 36 ppm. The County and Foth demonstrated that a 50ppm limit is established for many other permits and applications. This modification ensures Brown County has the quantity of clean dredge material to meet the closure needs of the island. The remaining closure activities are estimated at \$3 million. The state deadline for federal completion is June 2013. Failure to meet the state deadline could mean potential action by the State of Wisconsin.

11. 1445 Bylsby - update

- a) Since HC has been leasing the property at Great Lakes Calcium, the Green Bay Water Utility has significantly changed the stormwater management fees to around \$1900/quarter from \$260/quarter. It was determined that the City was charging us for land owned by Fox River Dock. After removal of this land from the County's bill, the bill was reduced slightly. The City indicated that we could receive an additional 10% reduction if we had a stormwater management plan on file with them. Brown County had done stormwater planning prior to the environmental capping project when the property was acquired.
- b) Staff requested Foth review our files and prepare a cost estimate for a stormwater management plan. Foth determined that we had completed a stormwater management plan and submitted it to the City but never received approval. The plans were resubmitted to the City to further reduce the fees by 10% with the estimated new fees to be around \$900/quarter.
- c) All asbestos has been removed from the site. All other costly removals have been disposed of. Great Lakes Calcium is handling independently. In lieu of a payment, Great Lakes Calcium will withhold payment for a number of years until the demolition costs are paid back. The building should be down by the next meeting.
- d) Chuck Larscheid presented his official retirement transition schedule through November and that Dean Haen is the acting Interim Director of Port & Solid Waste. He also mentioned the possibility of the County consolidating departments. Solid Waste contract renewals are coming up as well as the Oneida Waste to Energy project.

12. 2012 Budget

The Executive met with Port & Solid Waste staff to review the 2012 Budget. There were no current concerns with the Port. The only concern was the request for an increase in fees under the Solid Waste program. The County Board also has not had any opposition or concerns with the budget so far. It is possible that there will be voluntary fee increases in the HHW program.

Suggestion to have the HC president and vice-president put together a letter to the County Executive to request to have the Port to continue to function in the manner that it has been rather than to be consolidated and to continue to have Dean Haen in the permanent position of Director.

13. No Audit of bills requested

14. Tonnage Report

August tonnage was up 26% on vessels and up 18% on cargo. These increases are directly attributed to US Venture. Also changes in cement, limestone, coal – these industries increasing in raw material inputs.

15. Other matters or business

None at this time

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm with the commissioners and staff visiting the port exhibit on the museum's second floor.

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Neil McKloskey, President  
Harbor Commission

Dean Haen, Interim Director  
Port & Solid Waste Department